

What is claimed is:

1           1. A picture book production system comprising:  
2           a memory means for storing a plurality of sentence data  
3 in accordance with behavior of a main character corresponding  
4 to a plurality of keywords representing said behavior of said  
5 main character in a picture book, said memory means also storing  
6 a plurality of image data corresponding to said plurality of  
7 sentence data;  
8           a selection means for selecting a keyword from said  
9 plurality of keywords; and  
10           a production means for reading out from said memory means  
11 said sentence data and said image data corresponding to said  
12 selected keyword as a retrieval key, and synthesizing said  
13 read-out sentence data and said read-out image data to produce  
14 said picture book.

1           2. A picture book production system according to claim 1,  
2 wherein:  
3           said plurality of images includes animations.

1           3. A picture book production system according to claim 1,  
2 wherein:  
3           said memory means stores said plurality of sentence data  
4 and said plurality of image data in accordance with seasons; and

5           said production means recognizes a present season by a time  
6 means, reads out from said memory means said sentence data and  
7 said image data corresponding to said present season, and  
8 produces said picture book.

1           4. A picture book production system comprising:

2           a memory means for storing a plurality of sentence data  
3 in accordance with behavior of a main character corresponding  
4 to a plurality of keywords representing said behavior of said  
5 main character in a picture book, said memory means also storing  
6 a plurality of image data corresponding to said plurality of  
7 sentence data;

8           a selection means for selecting a plurality of keywords  
9 from said plurality of keywords; and

10          a production means for rearranging said selected plurality  
11 of keywords, reading out from said memory means said plurality  
12 of sentence data and said plurality of image data corresponding  
13 to said selected plurality of keywords as retrieval keys,  
14 synthesizing said read-out plurality of sentence data and said  
15 read-out plurality of image data to produce a plurality of picture  
16 book constituent parts, and combining said plurality of picture  
17 book constituent parts in an order of said rearranged plurality  
18 of keywords to produce said picture book.

1           5. A picture book production system according to claim 4,  
2 wherein:

3           said plurality of keywords are rearranged in a random order.

1           6. A picture book production system according to claim 4,  
2 wherein:

3           said production means combines said plurality of picture  
4 book constituent parts by inserting a connecting sentence between  
5 said picture book constituent parts to be combined so that the  
6 natural flow of the sentence occurs therebetween.

7           7. A picture book production system according to claim 4,  
8 wherein:

9           said plurality of images includes animations.

10           8. A picture book production system according to claim 4,  
11 wherein:

12           said memory means stores said plurality of sentence data  
13 and said plurality of image data in accordance with seasons; and

14           said production means recognizes a present season by a time  
15 means, reads out from said memory means said plurality of sentence  
16 data and said plurality of image data corresponding to said  
17 present season, and produces said picture book.

18           9. A picture book production system comprising:

19           a memory means for storing a plurality of sentence data  
20 in accordance with behavior of a plurality of main characters  
21 corresponding to said plurality of main characters in a picture

5 book and to a plurality of keywords representing said behavior  
6 of said main characters, said memory means also storing a  
7 plurality of image data corresponding to said plurality of  
8 sentence data;

9 a selection means for selecting one main character and a  
10 plurality of keywords from said plurality of main characters and  
11 said plurality of keywords; and

12 a production means for rearranging said selected plurality  
13 of keywords, reading out from said memory means said plurality  
14 of sentence data and said plurality of image data corresponding  
15 to said one selected main character and said selected plurality  
16 of keywords as retrieval keys, synthesizing said read-out  
17 plurality of sentence data and said read-out plurality of image  
18 data to produce a plurality of picture book constituent parts,  
19 and combining said plurality of picture book constituent parts  
20 in an order of said rearranged plurality of keywords to produce  
21 said picture book.

1 10. A picture book production system comprising:

2 a memory means for storing a plurality of locations for  
3 movement of a main character and a plurality of sub-characters  
4 appearing therein corresponding to a plurality of keywords  
5 representing behavior of said main character in a picture book,  
6 said memory means also storing a plurality of sentence data in  
7 accordance with said behavior corresponding to said keywords,  
8 said locations, and said sub-characters, said memory means also  
9 storing a plurality of image data corresponding to said plurality  
10 of sentence data;

11 a selection means for selecting a keyword from said  
12 plurality of keywords; and

13 a production means for optionally determining said  
14 locations and said sub-characters on the basis of said selected  
15 keyword, reading out from said memory means said sentence data  
16 and said image data corresponding to said selected keyword, said  
17 determined locations and said determined sub-characters as  
18 retrieval keys, and synthesizing said read-out sentence data and  
19 said read-out image data to produce said picture book.

11. A picture book production system comprising:

20 a memory means for storing a plurality of sentence data  
21 in accordance with behavior of a main character corresponding  
22 to a plurality of keywords representing said behavior of said  
23 main character in a picture book, said memory means also storing  
24 a plurality of image data corresponding to said plurality of  
25 sentence data;

26 a selection means for selecting a keyword from said  
27 plurality of key words;

28 a production means for reading out from said memory means  
29 said sentence data and said image data corresponding to said  
30 selected keyword as a retrieval key, and synthesizing said  
31 read-out sentence data and said read-out image data to produce  
32 said picture book; and

33 a display means for displaying said picture book.

1 12. A server for producing a picture book in accordance with

2 information from a terminal connected via a network, said server  
3 comprising:

4 a memory means for storing a plurality of sentence data in  
5 accordance with behavior of a main character corresponding to  
6 a plurality of keywords representing said behavior of said main  
7 character in said picture book, said memory means also storing  
8 a plurality of image data corresponding to said plurality of  
9 sentence data; and

10 a production means for reading out from said memory means  
11 said sentence data and said image data corresponding to said  
12 keyword selected as a retrieval key from said plurality of key  
13 words by said terminal, and synthesizing said read-out sentence  
14 data and said read-out image data to produce said picture book.

15 13. A server for producing a picture book according to claim  
16 12, wherein:

17 said production means enables said picture book to be read  
18 for said terminal in accordance with request from said terminal.

19 14. A server for producing a picture book according to claim  
20 12, wherein:

21 said terminal is a mobile phone, PHS, PDA, pocketboard, or  
22 PC.

23 15. A recording medium for recording comprising:

24 a plurality of sentence data corresponding to a plurality

